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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Resolution #02-14-15

BY  DEPUTY
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Ordering an Election, and
Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

- WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Central School District (the "District") is committed to maintaining the quality of education in local public schools by updating instructional technology, improving school safety, and making basic repairs to all schools; and
- WHEREAS, since the District wants our students to succeed in high school, college and careers, children need full-service elementary and middle schools to meet their basic social, emotional and academic needs, including before- and after- school tutoring, computer and science labs, arts and physical education; and
- WHEREAS, the Board believes that to achieve that goal the District must attract and retain quality teachers and maintain and repair classrooms, facilities and equipment, as needed, so that all facilities and campuses are safe, secure and up-to-date; and
- WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") does not provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain its educational facilities and academic programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the District's only remedy to avoid undermining its educational programs is to secure local funding that the State cannot take away; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its impact on protecting student safety, improving schools and attracting and retaining quality teachers; and
- WHEREAS, many local elementary and middle schools were built decades ago and need significant repairs, including schools that are over 65 years old, and in order to maintain award-winning education and top test scores, the District must invest in its aging technology and improve its classrooms; and
- WHEREAS, such a measure also can provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State; and
- WHEREAS, such a measure must include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on November 4, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision that exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those *ad valorem* taxes used to pay for debt service on any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be enforced strictly by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and to request the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$35,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 4, 2014.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

- (a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher salaries or other school operating expenses;
- (b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B", evaluated student safety and security, teacher retention, class size reduction, and educational and information technology needs of the District;
- (c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;
- (d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274. The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall initially consist of at least seven (7) members and at no time consist of less than seven (7) members, with the possible exception of brief periods to fill any unexpected vacancies. The Citizens' Oversight Committee may not include any employee or official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District. The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall include all of the following: One (1) member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District; One (1) member who is active in a senior citizens' organization; One member who is active in a bona fide taxpayer association; One (1) member who is a parent of a child in the District schools; One (1) member is both a parent of a child in the District schools and active in a school site council or PTA. In furtherance of its specifically enumerated purposes, the Citizens' Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities relating solely and exclusively to the expenditure of the Proposition 39 bond proceeds:

- (i) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial and performance audits performed by independent consultant(s);
- (ii) Inspect District facilities and grounds to ensure that Proposition 39 bond revenues are expended in compliance with applicable law;
- (iii) Receive and review copies of all deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District;
- (iv) Review efforts of the District to maximize Proposition 39 bond revenues by implementing cost-saving programs; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. That the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 4, 2014 within the District.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters no later than August 8, 2014.


Section 8. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 15264 et seq. of the Education Code or pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.


Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by anybody or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse San Bernardino County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 17th day of July, 2014.

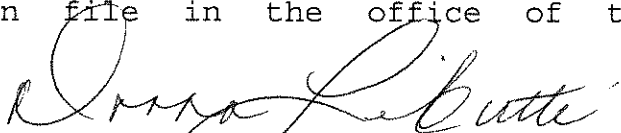
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 
President

Attest: 
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) SS
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

I, Donna L. Libutti, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Central School District of San Bernardino County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the said Board at a regular Board meeting thereof held at the District Office at 6:00 p.m., and on the date and by the vote above stated, which Resolution is on file in the office of the Superintendent.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Central School District